

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 19, lines 27 - 30, with the following amended paragraph:

A<sup>1</sup>  
After passing through nip **106**, the three (or more) component webs **120**, **130**, and **140**, shown together as web **102** in FIG. 10, have been formed into laminate web **10** that is elastic in at least one direction. In particular, the unitary laminate web **10** is elastic in the machine direction **MD**.

Please replace the paragraph on page 20, line 27 through page 21, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

A<sup>2</sup>  
One method for forming apertures across the web is to pass the web through nip ~~130~~ 131 formed by an incremental stretching system **132** employing opposed pressure applicators **134** and **136** having three-dimensional surfaces which at least to a degree are complementary to one another. Stretching of the laminate web may be accomplished by other methods known in the art, including tentoring, or even by hand. However, to achieve even strain levels across the web, and especially if localized strain differential are desired, the incremental stretching system disclosed herein is preferred.